

for children with disabilities (including visual impairment) are already being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. As per the National Education Policy and also under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 children with disabilities, including children with visual disabilities are to be given education in integrated schools as far as possible. To facilitate this process, the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education under the Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).

Declining Allocation of Funds for the Development of SCs/STs

1655. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of funds for the development of SCs/STs is on the declining trend compared to the other sectors/divisions of the Ministry in the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) if not, the amount of funds in percentage terms demanded for the Scheduled Castes Development Division, Tribal Development Division by her Ministry for the last five years and funds allocated and utilized; and

(d) the similar comparative figures in respect of other divisions of her Ministry during the above period.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A Statement-I is attached. (See below).

(c) and (d) A Statement-II indicating Division-wise allocation and utilisation of funds during last five years is enclosed.

Statement-I**Trend of Allocation of Funds during Last Five Years**

(Rs. in crores)

Allocation of funds	1995-96	1996-97	Increase over 1995-96	1997-98	Increase over 1996-97	1998-99	Increase over 1997-98	1999-2000	Increase over 1998-99
SCs/ST	1134.68*	1134.68	0.00	1252.00	117.32	1352.00	100.00	1438.50	86.50
Disabled	45.90	45.90	0.00	106.44	60.54	141.50	35.06	179.50	38.00
Social Defence	33.20	32.20	0.00	294.00	261.80	309.00	15.00	115.00	-194.00
M&BC	80.52	81.02	0.50	140.86	59.84	190.96	50.10	156.30	-34.66
Animal Welfare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00

Statement-II**Allocation and Utilisation of Funds (Last Five Years)**

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Scheduled Castes Development Division			Tribal Development Division			Minorities and Backward Classed Division		
	Allo- cation	%age of total Outlay	Expen. total expen.	Allo- cation	%age of total Outlay	Expen. total expen.	Allo- cation	%age of total Outlay	Expen. total expen.
1996-96	692.18	53.45%	675.93	442.50	34.17%	440.7	80.52	6.22%	79.73
1996-97	691.18	53.37%	708.33	443.50	34.25%	441.95	81.02	6.26%	78.74
1997-98	771.00	42.98%	610.24	481.00	26.81%	466.57	140.86	9.12%	41.01
1998-99	778.00	38.92%	693.80	576.00	28.89%	532.76	190.96	10.95%	138.02
1999-2000	745.75	39.25%	747.59	692.75	36.46%	648.03	156.30	10.87%	139.17

Disability Division				Social Defence Division			
Allo- cation	%age of total Outlay	Expen.	%age of total expen.	Allo- cation	%age of total Outlay	Expen.	%age of total expen.
45.90	3.54%	39.35	3.12%	33.20	2.56%	24.61	1.95%
45.90	3.54%	36.20	2.80%	33.20	2.56%	27.08	2.09%
106.44	5.93%	56.50	4.69%	294.00	16.39%	30.35	2.52%
141.54	7.10%	106.96	7.07%	309.00	15.50%	45.92	3.03%
179.50	9.45%	140.76	8.04%	115.00	6.05%	59.34	3.39%

Year	Animal Welfare Division			
	Alloca- tion	%age of total Outlay	Expen.	%age of total expen.
1995-96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1996-97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1997-98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1998-99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99-2000	10.00	0.53%	15.00	0.86%

State Minorities Commissions

†1656. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Minorities Commissions have been constituted for monitoring the economic, social and educational development programmes for minorities;

(b) whether the Government provide funds for the upliftment of this community;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.